Nunamaker Is a Plodder, but He Gets There

Big Catcher of Yankees Broke Into Fast Company With Red Sox

By W. J. MACBETH.

Leslie G. Nunamaker, the big catcher of the Yankees, is a pretty fair sort of ball player to have hanging around. He is not a brilliant ball player, though well above the average in ability as present day catchers go. He wields a wicked mace and is most dangerous in

Nunamaker might be a wonderful ball player if he were possessed of a trifle more speed. He is a tremendously big fellow, who takes on weight readily, and so it is most difficult for him to keep in the top form of physical fitness when he is not actively engaged every day. In this respect Nunamaker's major league career has been influenced by associations.

Starts With Red Socks

Leslie Nunamaker broke into fast company with the Boston Red Sox in 1911. At that time Bill Carrigan was at the height of his career and consequently a fixture behind the bat. Still, during his first season Nunamaker worked in no less than sixty-two games. He caught well and hit .257. The following season Forrest Cady and Chester Thomas were both recruited to the Red Sox fold. Cady and Thomas were both good catchers, but, like Nunamaker, had little chance to displace Bill Carrigan as regular backstop at that time.

The Red Sox won a pennant and a world's championship from the Giants that fall. In winning it a lot of ill

that fall. In winning it a lot of ill will developed. After one of the early world's series games in New York certain players of the Red Sox engaged in a fist fight. The club was split into a veral factions. Jake Stahl, manager of the team, was deposed the following season and Bill Carrigan appointed to the leadership.

Whether or not this family row had any bearing on Nunamaker's relations with the world's champions, the fact remains that Leslie's riper experience cut no figure with Carrigan when he took charge of the Boston Americans. Cady and Thomas, in fact, were called upon quite as frequently during the season, though of the three secondstring catchers at that time Nunamaker was the best hitter. Nunamaker, cerstring catchers at that time Nunamaker was the best hitter. Nunamaker, certainly, did not improve as he should and early in the season of 1914 he was allowed to come to New York at the waiver price. His surroundings in Boston were not of the best to develop real class under ambition's spur.

Nunamaker's transfer to New York benefited him greatly. He was ambitious to shine in the big city and laid to with a will. The Yankees, however, had run down badly. This club was a conglomeration of misfits that won so seldom it was hard for any player to keep interested long.

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The team was weak in almost every department, so weak that Nunamaker had to be pressed into service as a first baseman when Williams and Bert Borton both failed Frank Chance. Chance, it will be remembered, quit in disgust in August. Yet in spite of his associations Nunamaker stood out as one of the few interested players and batted .263 in ninety-one games.

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Colonel Ruppert and Captain Huston purchased the Yankees in the spring of 1915 and secured Bill Donovan as man-ager. The legacy to which these sportsmen fell heirs was chiefly a bundle of liabilities as represented by a lot of mediocre players signed to long term war-time contracts. Messrs. Rup-pert and Huston decided to clean house. That Nunamaker was left after the

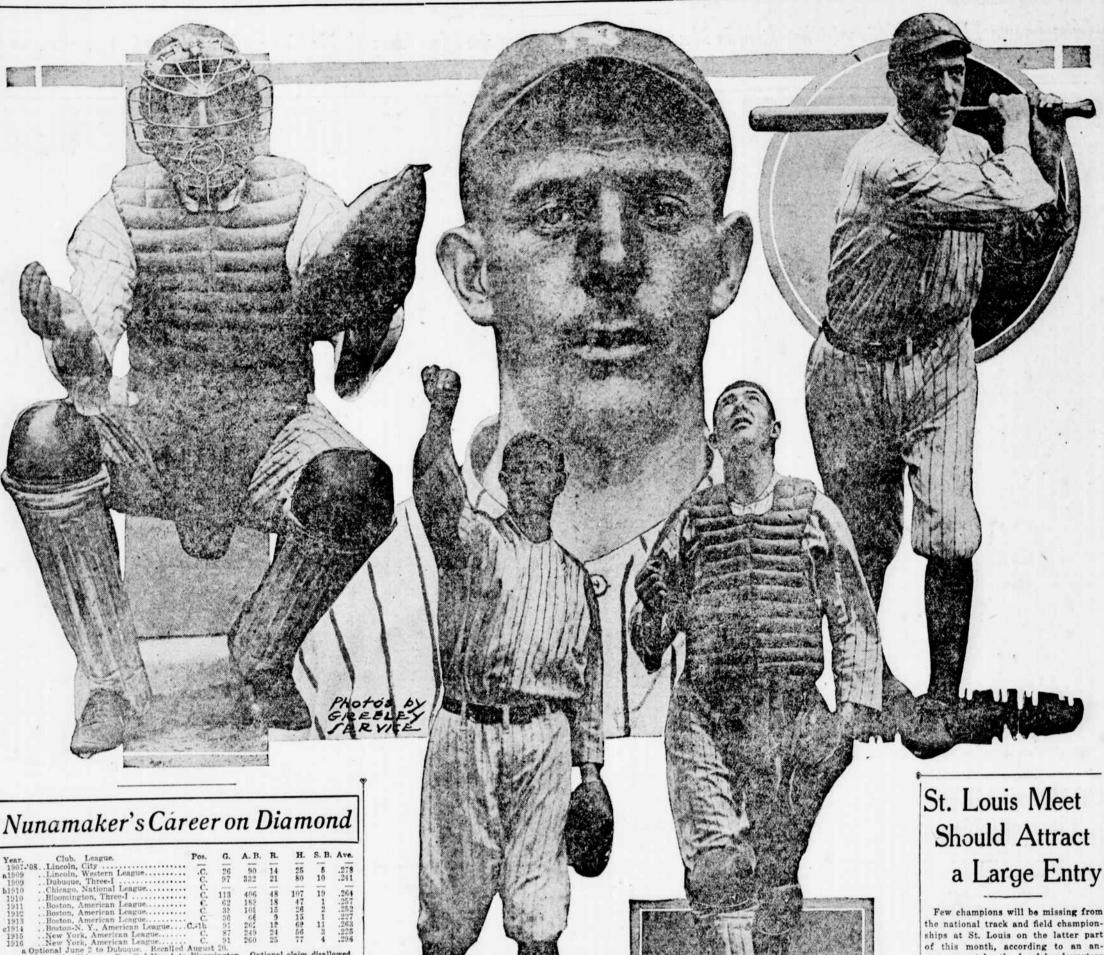
year had come to look upon a campaign as a joy ride. Many of them took neither themselves nor the game seriously. Ed Sweney, majordomo of the catching staff, was anything but a fitting example for a young catcher wishing to get on in his profession.

ters is a striking contrast to Nuna-maker. Al is little, quick and flashy, while Leslie is huge and ponderous. The big fellow suffered so in compari-son at first that he was actually ashamed. But instead of becoming discouraged Nanamaker spruced up. He went out to follow Walters's lead. He

it is unfortunate for Nunamaker to be with a team that boasts an Al Walters. The latter is very popular and the fans demand his appearance on every possi-ble occasion. There is a great deal of ble occasion. There is a color in Waiters's work.

and willing. In a pinch he could handle the catching assignment single handed, because he thrives on work. He is rough and tough and hard to injure. The combination of Nunamaker and Walters, with Alexander in reserve,

Les Nunamaker, Yankee Catcher, Now Playing Great Ball for His Team



Tales of a Wayside Tee

sweeping seems a testimonial. It is ment proved quite sufficiently that the true that Nunamaker did not do himself justice in 1915. But there was a English and Scotch teams must combine to have any sort of chance.

The recent tournament also proved that there is no one pro, with a longer range than any of the others. Before the tournament Gil Nicholls was hitting a tremendous ball. But Gil went astray with the wood before the tournament opened and so fell behind his usual the state of the

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Barry Joins Naval Reserve

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The general attitude of his teammates was reflected in Nunamaker's work. Leslie did not awaken to the fact that a premium was placed on hustling till he saw a lot of heads falling around him. Sweeney, Doc Cook, Cree, Warhop, Keating and a lot of other idlers were decorated with the order of their ican.

Last year the big fellow had his best season. He hit 256 for 91 games. There is little doubt that Nunamaker was here reflected the bad. In the fall of 1915 little Al Walters was sent up from Texas. His history with the Yankees is known to every fan. Al made good from his first game. Full of life and energy and pepper, he simply captivated New York from the first. Walters is a striking contrast to Nunamaker was a satisking contrast to Nunamaker and is a striking contrast to Nunamaker all is little guick and fashy.

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Barnes, Jock Hutchinson, Willie Mac-Farlane, Bob McDonaid, George Sar-geant, Alex Smith and others of fine golfing calibre.

Against this combination the Home-breds would have all the competition they carry, but the Homebreds are con-fident they could beat the two com-bined.

Jock Hutchinson has one shot that no other pro. plays. This is a mashie shot to the green with a decided pull, yet one that drops with terrific back-spin for practically no run.

The theory of backspin is a shot from left to right, one sliced at the end. At least, most mashie shot

The Plodding Type

Nunamaker is more of the plodding type. Strong as a horse, Nunamaker is capable of catching day in and day out. Doubtleas he would be a much better catcher if, like George Gibson when he warked every game behind the bat. Nunamaker needs more work than he can possibly get with a performer of Walters's stamp on the same team.

But, as he is, Leslie Nunamaker is a valuable asset to the Yankees. He is carnest and conscientious. He is big, strong and willing. In a pinch he could handle the two described and so fell behind his usual of the two combined.

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Many British Soccer Stars Killed in War

LONDON, Aug. 4 .- British sportsmen continue to fall in the great war, the latest casualty list issued containing the names of many well known athletes. he had no round above a 73. Includ- James Conlin, the famous English in-The real test will come when the ing his 36 holes at Englewood his five ternational soccer player, who has been rounds would have averaged no worse killed in action, was considered one of than 73, which is about as consistent the most brilliant players in the counthe most brilliant players in the country and was unequalled in the outside left position. He played for England

be arranged before the Western open in Chicago for early September.

If it is, those present will look upon one of the best melecs of the decade.

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many races, including the University Point-to-Point in 1910, and was a keen sportsman, being a fine rider both to hounds and across country.

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Fight Log

Yorkville S. C.-Jimmy Kane and Willie Kohler. Military A. C.—Battling Levinsky and Bob Devere.

TUESDAY Pioneer S. C .- Bartley Madden and Bill Brennan. Harlem S. C. (Rockaway) -- Phil

Roush a "Comeback" Really Worth While

lery and Leeds, both Northern Union teams.

Captain H. A. Hodges, wounded, is the famous English international and Oxford University Rugby forward.

Major P. M. N. Wroughton, killed, was Master of the Eton Beagles in 1905 and 1906 and of Christ Church (Oxford)

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For Fall Race Meeting

represented the school in the Public Schools Racquets in 1907 and 1908 at Queens Club and played for Cambridge against Oxford in 1909. He was for several seasons a prominent member of the Richmond football team. Another fine Rugby player has also fallen in Lieutenant G. L. Stokes, who was a keen and skilful member of the Blackheath club.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 4.—Sam J. Bucknell, and play the entire schedule, with the possible exception of the Yale game. Colgate meets Syracuse in the loss of its grandstand and principal buildings by fire just as its meeting buildings by fire just as its meeting buildings by fire just as its meeting of a new concrete and steel stand. It will be ready in time for a fall race meeting.

Will Play Out Season

The Western Association will play out the season. Four clubs—Ardmore

880-Yard Dash In Classy Race

formance at the monthly games of the Brooklyn Athletic Association, held at Brooklyn Athletic Field yesterday. Ober, allotted a start of five yards, quickly closed in on the leaders, and in the mad rush down the stretch squeezed his way through to win the half mile by five yards. Morris Gross, the scratch man, made his bid a little too late, but was rapidly overtaking Ober January.

Robert L. Nourse, the national junior of the course, 73, held by Arthur Reid, for the course, 74, held formance at the monthly games of

The summaries follow:

Seventy-five yard dash (handicap)—Won by A.
Callahan (scratch). H. Gross (6 yards), second; S.
Hernig (6 yards), third. Time, 9.38.
One-mile run (novice)—Won by A. Ecklund; J.
L. Shea, second; B. Moore, third. Time, 5:37.
220-yard run (handicap)—Won by S. Herzig (14
yards); J. Lorenz (3 yards), second; J. Ober (6
yards); Hird. Time, 0:23 4-5.
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yards); third. Time, 2:10.
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Putting 12-pound abot (handicap)—Won by H.
Gross (5 feet), with 25 feet 6-5 inches; M. Ruber (16 feet), with 36 feet 5-5 inches, second; J. Ober (7 feet), with 36 feet 2-5 inches, second; J. Ober (7 feet), with 36 feet 2-5 inches, second; J. Ober (7 linches), with 5 feet 7 inches; M. Ruber (7 linches), with 5 feet 4 inches, third.
Running high jump (handicap)—Won by V.
Running broad jump (handicap)—Won by V.
O'Brien

Colgate Eleven to Play

UTICA, N. Y., Aug. 4.—Colgate University's football team, minus many "C" men, who are in their country's service, will open its season on October 6 with Bucknell, and play the entire schedule.

Joe Ober Wins

Joe Ober, the club's fast middle distance runner, furnished the best per-

the national track and field championships at St. Louis on the latter part of this month, according to an announcement by the local headquarters of the Amateur Athletic Union yester-day. Many of the title holders have Nicholls-Strong of the Amateur Athletic Union yesterjoined one of the various military and naval units, but they have already as sured Frederick W. Rubien, chairman of the championship committee, that they anticipate receiving a sufficient furlough to compete in the games.

are endeavoring to earn a commission at the officers' training camp at Fort Logan H. Root, Little Rock, Ark.

Although the New York Athletic Club Gil Nicholls:

scratch man, made his bid a little too late, but was rapidly overtaking Ober at the finish.

Two other good performances were furnished by Arthur Callahan and George Trefry. The former overcame big allowances in capturing the 75-yard run, while Trefry was in good form in winning the running high jump with 5 feet 7 inches.

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Serenty-drey and dash (handicap)—Wen by A Callahah (scratch); H. Grees (6 yanls), second; S. make the trip with him.

Jack Flaherty, the former Winged Foot runner, is in Austin, Texas, try-ing to earn a position in the Aviation

One dozen athletes will contest for

Two special races will enliven the monthly games of the Brooklyn Athletic Association to be held at the Public Schools Athletic League field next Saturday afternoon. Both will be open to members of the International Athletic League letic League.

Halpin's Final Jump Captures Mile Handican

Many Exciting Finishes in N. Y. A: C. Games at Travers Island

By A. C. CAVAGNARO

Terry Halpin, the track captain of the Morningside Athletic Club, captured the one mile handicap run in a sensational finish at the weekly games of the New York Athletic Club held at Travers Island yesterday. Halpin just succeeded in throwing his big chest a bare six inches in front of Sidney Jackson who was second, after a game struggle. Halpin's performances in one mile

Halpin's performances in one mile events of late have stamped him as a dangerous contestant at this distance. His most recent success was the winning of the one mile championship of the Intersectional League athletes in handy fashion. He is in line for the one mile honors of the local district. Twelve runners faced the starter, with Jackson and Halpin enjoying the lowest handicap mark of 75 yards. Halpin set out at a fast clip, which Jackson followed. The two runners succeeded in quickly gaining on their rivals, and at the end of the half mile point were within striking distance of the leaders. Here Jackson spurted away, with Halpin in close pursuit. Entering the final lap, Jackson was still in front of Halpin, who was four yards back. John J. Mitchell, a 115 yard man, who held the lead for a while in the closing stages, was rapidly being overtaken by te two back mark men. On the backstretch Halpin and Jackson came abreast of Mitchell and in a few strides left him behind. It men. On the backstretch Halpin and
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was then a duel between Jackson and
Halpin to the tape, with the latter
bringing into play his final jump, which
gave him victory.

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Another exciting finish came in the 120-yard low hurdle event, when Arthur L. Engles, the indoor champion, had a one foot advantage over Eugene B. Sanger, a New York Athletic Club mate, who was second. Engles was allotted two yards and his rival nine yards, and it was not until the pair skirted the final hurdle that Engles managed to catch Sanger and outsprint the latter to the worsted. Jim Lincoln, the javelin champion, who essayed a pole vault effort for the first time several weeks ago, gained more all around knowledge when he competed in this event. Although it was his first flight over the obstacles, the rangy Lincoln gathered in third laurels, close behind Sanger. Two other victories were turned in by Winged Foot members. Pat Freerick, the Fordham student, showed a fine burst of speed when he came on in ponents in the stretch run. The co-sistent Jim Houlihan defeated Louder and B. F. Jones, the star jum ers, in the running broad jump co-test with a creditable leap. The summaries follow:

Team Victorious

STONY BROOK, L. I., Aug. 4-The first to announce that his furlough will permit him to compete in the games is Walter A. Hummel, of the Multnomah Athletic Club, of Portland, Ore., who captured the 440-yard land, Ore., who captured the 440-yard Herbert Strong, of the Engineers land, Ore., who captured the 440-yard 3-foot high hurdle event in close to record time last year. Hummel is connected with the field hospital at Camp Lewis, American Lake, Washington.

Two other fast men who have promised to be on hand are Don Scott, of New Orleans, who defeated Ted Meredith, among others, in the 880-yard run, and Dana Jenkins, who is reported to have covered the century in 94-5 seconds. Jenkins was not himself in the title games last summer, and failed to display his real speed. Both men are endeavoring to earn a commission of the control of the reaching to the reaching the record of the day, the three bye holes were played.

The match between these well known professionals, who, incidentally, participated last week in the big Red Cross to the reaching the

Both Nicholls and Wilfred Reid came

day by winning the championship game from Richmond County on the grounds of the latter at West New Brighton by

Hoosiers Ship Rogge

Indianapolis, Aug. 4.—Clint Rogge, a pitcher with the Indianapolis American Association club, has been sent to Lincoln, of the Western League, under an optional agreement. Cutting down the pitching staff was made necessary by the player limit rule, when Fred "Cy" Falkenberg was returned to Indianapolis by the Philadelphia Athletics.